

“Things Broken”

Text: Mark 6:30-44

Introduction:

→ Notice with me in **v. 41** –

- Before the five loaves of bread could be used of God not only did Jesus have to bless them but also had to **brake** them.

→ Once this was done the loaves were mightily used of God.

- 5,000 men not counting women and children were feed.
- So, actual number fed were greater 5,000.

→ The Bible principle that we want to see here this morning is –

- **“If God is going use a thing or a person, it must be broken first.”**

→ We see this principle time and time again in the Scriptures.

→ The Bible is just so rich with examples that illustrate this principle so vividly.

→ This morning we want to look at some of these examples and then apply this principle to us.

I. Mark 14:3-9 – Anointing at Bethany of Jesus with Precious Ointment for His Burial.

→ **V. 3 – “...she break the box, and poured it on his head”**

→ Some things that we know –

- Ointment was of great value.

- **V. 3 – “alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious”**

- **V. 5 – Read.**

- ➔ However, the box of ointment was of no use to God unless it was **broken** and used to anoint His dear son for burial.
- ➔ If you think about it, the woman who had the ointment must have been **broken** herself because she could of sold it for her own gain.
- ➔ But instead she used the box of ointment for the purpose God intended it.
- ➔ How many of us here are broken enough to use something God has given us for His purpose and instead of our own.

II. Acts 27 –Account of the Apostle Paul’s Shipwreck.

- ➔ **Notice** – What the last verse in Chapter says – **Acts 27:44.**
- ➔ **Notice** – How all escaped safe to land.
 - Not only did some swim, but those who could not swim made it **“on broken pieces of the ship”**
- ➔ The ship in the storm was of no use it would have brought Paul and the men to a watery grave.
- ➔ But God broke it up to save the men lives.
 - The ship was of no use in the storm until it was broken.
- ➔ As Christians we cannot survive the storms of life until we are broken by God for His use.

III. Psalm 51:16-17 – David tells us the sacrifices that God desires from you and I are a broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart.

→ Why?

- God can use a person with a broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart because they are **broken**.

→ God cannot use a prideful spirit and a prideful heart.

- Example: King Saul was disobedient to God, wanted to do things his way.

→ The Bible tells us in **I Cor. 1:25-28**, who God chooses and uses.

- **God doesn't call and use**
 - **Wise men after the flesh**
 - **The mighty**
 - **The noble**
- **Instead God calls and use**
 - **Foolish things of this world**
 - **Weak things**
 - **Base things of this world**

- Why?
- Because already broken.

→ Illustrations:

- **Breaking a wild horse before can ride.**
- **Breaking in a baseball glove before it can be useful.**

➔ I have found the best folks to train and brake in to do a particular job be it a ministry at the church or on a secular job.

- ❑ Is someone with no experience.

➔ The reason being –

- ❑ These folks can really be used.
- ❑ They are eager to learn.
- ❑ They that they know nothing.
- ❑ They want to learn, to be used and be useful.

➔ A lot of times if you get some to train who has had some experience

- ❑ They come with preconceived notions
- ❑ How things should be done.
- ❑ They don't like the way you do things.
- ❑ They cannot be used.

➔ **Illustration:**

- ❑ Someone who has gone to a Bible College or Bible Institute.
- ❑ Instead coming in with a humble spirit and being a blessing to the pastor.
- ❑ They had an attitude of “I know and you don't. So I am going to straighten you out.”
- ❑ The bottom line – they cannot be used with that attitude.

➔ God likes no experience people because He can break them in His way.